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SUBJECT: U.S. EXPORT OF TETRABROMBISPHENOL A

1. THE GERMAN FIRM C. H. ERBSLOEH, 4000 DUESSELDORF

1, POSTFACH 2926, DISTRIBUTOR OF PRODUCTS OF GREAT LAKES CHEMICAL CORPORATION, WEST LAFAYETTE, MICHIGAN, HAS INFORMED US THAT TETRABROMBISPHENOL A (BTN NR. 2907 100 10, A

COMPONENT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF FLAME PROTECTION PRODUCTS) CAN BE IMPORTED INTO THE EC DUTY-FREE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1977, SINCE NO EQUIVALENT PRODUCT IS PRODUCED IN THE EC IN ADEQUATE QUANTITIES. THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS COME MAINLY FROM THE U.S. AND ISRAEL. BECAUSE OF A DUTCH "ASSERTION" THAT BROM-CHEMIE N.V., TERNEUSEN, NETHERLANDS, A SUBSIDIARY OF DEAD SEA BROMINE CO. OF ISRAEL, WILL TAKE UP PRODUCTION OF THIS COMPONENT IN SEPTEMBER, AN EXTENSION OF THE 12 PERCENT TARIFF WAIVER IS NOT ENVISAGED BY THE EC BEYOND SEPTEMBER 30.

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2. ACCORDING TO ERBSLOEH, SUCH A COUNCIL DECISION

WOULD ELIMINATE THE U.S. FROM THE EC MARKET, SET UP AN ISRAELI-DUTCH MONOPOLY IN THE EC, RESULT IN PRICE INCREASES, AND JEOPARDIZE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY SINCE THE DUTCH FIRM DOES NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDER PRODUCING QUANTITIES WORTH MENTIONING. A LETTER WITH SIMILAR CONTENTS WAS SENT BY ERBSLOEH TO THE FEDERAL

ASSOCIATION OF GERMAN WHOLESALE AND FOREIGN TRADE
REQUESTING THAT ORGANIZATION TO INDUCE THE FRG
ECONOMICS MINISTRY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR
EXTENSION OF THE TARIFF WAIVER.

3. THE FIRM HAS INQUIRED WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN DO TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT RECOURSE THE
U.S. MAY HAVE, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING DEPARTMENT
OR USEC COULD TELL US FOR REPLY TO GERMAN IMPORTER.
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